

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	68505	Agenda Number	33.
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK cooperative purchasing program with CDW GOVERNMENT LLC, to provide Autodesk products and services including maintenance and support, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$62,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 30 months of the contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is not the current provider for these goods and services.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Gabriela Harthcock, Buyer II, 512-322-6118			
Boards and Commission Action:	February 27, 2017 – Unanimously recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of Autodesk products and services including maintenance and support. The contract will facilitate the upgrade, renewal, and consolidation of Autodesk services for Austin Energy, including computer-aided design (AutoCAD) solutions. This contract will also allow for the purchase of new network technology equipment, software, and related services on an as-needed basis.

Autodesk software includes AutoCAD Utility Design, Standard and Ultimate Design, and 3D Max Design. Autodesk provides Austin Energy with device-level support including access to specialized experts as well as self-help support through Autodesk's online knowledge-based community, resources, and tools. AutoCAD also provides proactive diagnostics and immediate security alerts. Autodesk is used to create and edit AutoCAD drawings used for installation of critical communications. Additionally, AutoDesk is utilized by Austin Energy to review and edit existing drawings necessary for repairs, upgrades, installation, and removal of existing or new equipment and systems.

The contract will allow Austin Energy to receive North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) required software updates and patches for all current AutoCAD products to ensure network security and compliance requirements.

The contract is new and represents a consolidation of purchases of these products and services into a single contract. The requested authorization amounts are based on Austin Energy's forecasted needs. Austin Energy's historical spend for these products and services has averaged approximately \$110,000 per year.